

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

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Dear parent/carer

Welcome to our February Half Term 2023 newsletter.

This newsletter will set out some key information and dates for our parents/carers.

Monday 20th February is an INSET day, so all students will return to the academy on Tuesday 21st February

DATE	EVENT
20 th February 23	National INSET Day – school closed to students.
21 st February 23	All students return to the academy.
22 nd February 23	Chilipep Cultural Event
1 st March 23	Y8 Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm.
9 th March 23	AIS Parent Forum.
15 th March 23	Transition Friendship Afternoon.
22 nd March 23	Y9 Options Evening.
23 rd March 23	Drop Down Day
28 th March 23	Y11 Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm.
30 th March 23	Rewards Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm.
30 th March 23	Last day of term for students.
31 st March 23	Local INSET day - school closed to students.

Further details will be shared with parents/carers in relation to the above events and any additional events throughout the course of the term. Please continue to check the academy website and social media pages for updates on these and all academy events. Thank you.

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The Parkwood Why is **to inspire, invest in and celebrate learning so that our students become confident, happy, successful individuals who have enhanced opportunities for their future.** What happens in the classroom is central to our overall why. Paying attention to what our expert teachers are saying shows that we are invested in gaining confidence in our learning and ultimately being more successful as a result. We love celebrating our wonderful students and being a star gives us the ability to celebrate our pride in us working together as a clear team towards the same high standards. The learning in the classroom is the reason why everyone arrives at school every day. What we learn is vital to our future success.

After half term pupils will be reminded about the expectations of them during lesson time so that they can ensure they get the most out of their learning.

We expect all our pupils at Parkwood Academy to strive to be a STAR every lesson.

Sit up because it shows that you are engaged

Track the speaker to show that theirs and your ideas matter

Acknowledge others contributions and ideas nodding and making reference to what has been said

Respond in a full sentence using academic vocabulary to rehearse for writing and to demonstrate knowledge

These clear expectations will be reinforced by class teachers. By ensuring that pupils pay attention to the teacher and to each other, we will maximise every minute of precious learning time to ensure pupils continue to achieve the best possible outcomes and exceed their targets.

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Culture Update

At Parkwood Academy we continue to ensure that we strive for the highest of expectations from all our staff and students. Our core behaviour ethos and values centre around all staff and students being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have taken the time to carefully codified each of our behaviour expectations for our students to ensure that they understand fully what is expected from them each day. Our behaviour ethos is regularly shared during daily Personal Development sessions, weekly assemblies and half-termly 'Reset' Assemblies to embed our expectations and routines as social norms.

It is extremely important for us as an Academy that all students and families understand and value our expectations, we feel that if our students are ready to learn, respectful towards their peers and adults and are emotionally and physically safe they will thrive within our learning community.

Moving forward we have made a few adjustments to our current policy to highlight the importance of teaching and learning once again for our students. As an Academy we appreciate that some of our students will not always get it right and we have a sanction policy in place for those students. As you are aware our current C System is;

C1 – First formal warning

C2 – Chance2Change (Restorative conversation - 10-minute detention with form tutor)

C3 – Removal from lesson (Parked in a 'Buddy Room' within the Department - 30-minute detention with Progress Team)

3 C3's in one day – Reset and Ready the following day (R&R)

When our students return after half-term our updated policy will now be;

C1 – First formal warning

C2 – Chance2Change (Restorative conversation – 10-minute detention with form tutor)

C3 – Removal from lesson (Parked in a 'Buddy Room' within the Department – 45-minute detention with SLT)

2 C3's in one day – Immediate Reset and Ready for the remainder of the day, including the 45-minute C3 detention)

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Culture Update continued –

Students will also receive a 30-minute detention should they;

Arrive late to the Academy after 8.30am - unauthorised reason

Inappropriate corridor behaviour – Not meeting our ‘Quiet Corridors’ expectations

Inappropriate social time behaviour – Not respecting other learners who are continuing to learn.

Our sanction policy for students will not accumulate throughout the day and the maximum amount of a time a student would spend in detention on any given day would be 45-minutes, meaning all students would complete detentions by 3.55pm.

If a student is placed into R&R, it will be an opportunity for them to work closely with our pastoral staff to reflect upon current behaviours, regulate before returning to learning the following day and complete a programme of education. They will continue to access work from their lessons to complete before the end of the day. Parents will be updated should a student be placed into R&R.

We are aware that these sanctions are in place for the minority of our students who make the wrong choices and for the overwhelming majority of our students who attend the Academy every day and meet our expectations we need to celebrate and recognise their achievements. Each lesson students have an opportunity to be awarded 3 Recognition Points, these help us decide which students gain access to our end of term reward events, such as trips to Alton Towers, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Jump Inc, or events run in school, such as pizza parties or movie afternoons.

As an Academy value the power of positive verbal praise and recognise that our students want to be noticed doing the right thing. Students who go over and above in their lessons will receive a Golden Ticket from their teacher, these act as a positive postcard to home to recognise the achievement of your child during their lesson. Golden Tickets can also, at times, be exchanged for Amazon vouchers, lunchtime queue passes or access to a variety of rewards. Each week we celebrate and recognise the successes of our students through Hot Chocolate Friday's when staff nominate students from across the Academy to have a hot chocolate with the Head Teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Academy as we strive to deliver the highest quality provision and education for your child.

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Uniform

It is a basic expectation that all students wear full school uniform. The academy does not permit trainers or sports shoes of any description, nor do we permit students to wear leggings. Jewellery is also not permitted to be worn in the academy. Within PE lessons students are expected to wear a Parkwood PE T-Shirt, Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms or suitable black sports leggings and a pair of suitable sports trainers which can be any colour. Please use the following link <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/parkwood> to order any uniform items via our uniform supplier, Price & Buckland. If you have any queries around uniform then please feel free to contact the academy via our info@parkwoodacademy.org.uk.

Attendance

Recognising Good Attendance at Parkwood:

Since returning in September, we have monitored each student's attendance and you may have already received communication from the Academy if your child's attendance has dropped below our 97%. This will continue should your child's attendance continue to drop. We want to work with families to ensure all students attendance remains at a high level and we will be contacting you to offer support should it not. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence, which means your child may achieve up to 2 grades below what they are capable of and also puts you at risk of prosecution from the local authority. It is important to us that we recognise and reward good attendance. This term we have rewarded students for good attendance with performance and activities in school as well as trips and visits out of the Academy. Next term, we will also be rewarding those students who have worked hard to improve their attendance. As always, thank you for your continued support.

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EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS FROM THIS TERM



13.01.23 – Some of students attended the Thackray Museum in Leeds.

17.01.23 – A number of students attended English Institute of sport.

15.01.23 – Some of our students and staff we lucky enough to watch the Sheffield Sharks.

19.01.23 – We ran a HeppSY workshop.

20.01.23 - MFL sentence builder competition winners .

21.01.23 – In celebration of the Chinese New Year, our fantastic catering team provided a lovely lunch time menu.

26.01.23 - Dropdown Day.

27.01.23 - Dragon Ball tournament at All Saints School.

27.01.23 - BEA System roadshow.

27.01.23 - Holocaust Memorial Day.

02.02.23 – Feeder School basketball tournament.

020.2.23 – Inspire girls trip to SUFC.

10.02.23 – Some of our sports leaders attended Concord sports centre.



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Cost of living assistance –

Please find below contact information for parents/carer to access if needed. If you require any support from the academy, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Husband, Deputy Headteacher, via info@parkwoodacademy.org.uk. Thank you.

Organisation	Description	Contact Details
Citizens advice Bureau	Free, confidential information and advice to assist people with money, legal, consumer and other problems	www.citizensadvice.org.uk
National Debt line	Provides a free, confidential and independent telephone advice service	www.nationaldebtline.org 0808 808 4000
Step Change	Debt advice and recommend debt solutions to suit your situation	www.stepchange.org 0800 138 1111
The Money Advice Service	Advice and guides to help improve finances. Tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead	www.moneyhelper.org.uk 0800 011 3797
Turn 2 Us	Help with identifying different government support you may be eligible for	www.turn2us.org.uk
UK Government	Information on government services, including benefits, money and tax, housing and local services	www.gov.uk
BT offers a 50% massive discount.	Please check that there is no cost for moving from whatever they are on at the moment.	Broadband deals for low income families Social tariffs on universal credit (uswitch.com)

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